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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN

TO: All District Supervisors, Inspectors, Analysts, and Instructors

FROM: Tracy Stumbo, Chief Accident Investigator, Division of Investigations

DATE: July 22, 2009

RE: Kentucky Fatality #5

On November 9, 2004 at approximately 9:00 a.m., a surface miner was fatally injured in a machinery accident in the Barbourville District. He was 57 years old with 19 years mining experience. He had worked at this mine for 2 days.

The victim was pinned between 2 pieces of mining equipment while attempting to install a tow cable, the machinery rolled back striking the victim, causing fatal injuries. The victim was pronounced dead by the University of Kentucky medical staff at approximately 3:41 p.m.

Preventative Measures:

1. When possible, coal trucks that are stuck on inclines shall be pushed rather than pulled.
2. When personnel are required to work between machinery (in pinch-points), the machinery shall be adequately secured to prevent movement.